

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus, comprising:
 - an illumination system configured to provide a beam of radiation;
 - a support configured to support a patterning device, the patterning device configured to impart the beam with a pattern in its cross-section;
 - a substrate table configured to hold a substrate;
 - a projection system configured to project the patterned beam onto a target portion of the substrate;
 - a measurement system configured to generate an information signal including information about a position of either the patterning device, or the substrate, or the projection system, or a component of the projection system, or any combination thereof; and
 - a control system configured to transform the information signal into at least a native feedback signal representing an imaging characteristic of the lithographic apparatus, said control system configured to generate a control signal on the basis of a native set-point signal and the native feedback signal, the control system controlling said position on the basis of the control signal.
2. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control system comprises a native feedforward controller configured to generate a feedforward control signal on the basis of the native set-point signal, the control signal being determined by the feed forward control signal.
3. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - an actuator configured to exert control forces on at least one of the support, the substrate table, the projection system, and/or a component of the projection system on the basis of the control signal.
4. (Original) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the projection system comprises a first lens element having a first position and a second lens element having

a second position, the respective first and second positions each controlled by the control system.

5. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control system comprises a native controller, said native controller comprising single-input-single-output controller.

6. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the native controller comprises a second single-input-single-output controller configured to generate a second control signal, wherein the bandwidth of the respective controllers is chosen according to the relative weight of the native coordinates.

7. (Previously presented) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the native controller comprises a multiple-input-multiple-output controller configured to generate at least two control signals.

8. (Original) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the control system comprises a conventional controller configured to operate on conventional coordinates, and a native controller connected in cascade with the conventional controller.

9. (Previously presented) A control system for a lithographic apparatus including an illumination system configured to provide a beam of radiation; a support configured to support a patterning device, the patterning device configured to impart the beam with a pattern in its cross-section; a substrate table configured to hold a substrate; a projection system configured to project the patterned beam onto a target portion of the substrate; a measurement system configured to generate an information signal including information about a position of either the patterning device, or the substrate, or the projection system, or a component of the projection system, or any combination thereof, the control system comprising:

a controller configured to transform the information signal into at least a native feedback signal representing an imaging characteristic of the lithographic apparatus, said controller configured to generate a control signal on the basis of a native set-point signal and

a native feedback signal, said controller controlling said position on the basis of the control signal.

10. (Previously presented) A device manufacturing method for manufacturing a device with a lithographic apparatus, the method comprising:

projecting a patterned beam of radiation onto a target portion of a substrate;

generating an information signal including information about a position of either a patterning device used to pattern the beam of radiation, or a substrate, or a projection system used to project the patterned beam, or a component of the projection system, or any combination thereof;

transforming the information signal into at least a native feedback signal representing an imaging characteristic of the lithographic apparatus;

generating a control signal on the basis of a native set-point signal and the native feedback signal; and

controlling said position on the basis of the control signal.

11. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 10, further comprising:

exerting control forces on at least one of a support for the patterning device, a substrate table for the substrate, the projection system and/or a component of the projection system.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 10, wherein the projection system includes a first lens element having a first position and a second lens element having a second position, the method further comprising:

controlling the first and second positions.

13. (Currently amended) A lithographic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the imaging characteristic ~~may include~~ includes at least one of focus, magnification and/or distortion.

14. (Currently amended) A controls system according to claim 9, wherein the imaging characteristic ~~may include~~ includes at least one of focus, magnification and/or distortion.

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15. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein the imaging characteristic ~~may include~~ includes at least one of focus, magnification and/or distortion.